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## Identical letters dated 6 December 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my capital, I should like to inform you of the following:

Lebanon condemns in the strongest possible terms the political and diplomatic campaign being waged by Israel against Lebanon, which it fears is a prelude to the launch of further attacks.

That campaign is being accompanied by a number of extremely serious acts, of which the most recent is that Israel has breached the Lebanese communications grid by hacking into the telephone network and sending recorded messages to peaceable civilian inhabitants of the southern part of the village of Kafr Killa warning them of imminent explosions to take place on Lebanese territory that might put their lives at risk.

This constitutes a new and extremely serious attack on the security and safety of the citizens of Lebanon, whereby Israel is violating the dignity and privacy of individuals and making a direct threat against their lives. Such hostile behaviour constitutes a flagrant Israeli violation of Lebanese sovereignty, Security Council resolution 1701 (2006), and other relevant resolutions, including resolutions 2373 (2017) and 2433 (2018).

This is all happening as Israel continues to occupy Lebanese territory and persists with its daily land, sea and air violations of Lebanese sovereignty at a rate of some 140 violations per month.

In the light of the preceding, Lebanon calls on the Security Council raise its voice and take all measures necessary to confront this systematic campaign being waged by Israel and Israel's ongoing violations of Lebanese sovereignty, which are a threat to the security and stability of the entire region.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 38, and of the Security Council.

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